

section, a plurality of second drainage strips are positioned within the loop of the second wire belt and are for contacting the second wire belt; the first strips being shifted in position along the path of the wire belts with respect to the second strips so that the first and second strips are offset and in a non-opposing relationship; a first strip support which resiliently supports the first drainage strips against the first wire belt that the first strips contact;

a second strip support which supports the second drainage strips rigidly against the second wire belt;

the twin wire zone having a third section following the second section along the path of the wire belts through the twin wire zone; a stationary drainage element [and] followed by a suction roll in the third section, for being engaged by one of the wire belts as the wire belts travel over the stationary drainage element and said suction roll, the stationary drainage element and said suction roll having an open surface to enable water to be drained through the wire belt in contact therewith; and

the twin wire zone apart from said suction roll being free of rolls which deflect the twin wire zone.

#### REMARKS

Claims 31-38 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In addition, claims 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Although Applicants do not agree that there is double patenting, Applicants, nonetheless, enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 31-33, on this ground, has been overcome.

Applicants have amended claims 31, 33 and 35 in accordance with the Examiner's specific request. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 31-38 now fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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